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- (c) sufficient electrolyte to provide at least about 0.04 molarity of cations without considering any surfactant cations;
 - (d) optionally, from about 0.0005% to about 3% by weight of calcium ion sequestrant selected from the group consisting of water soluble salts of polyphosphates, organic polycarboxylic acid, and mixtures thereof;
 - (e) optionally, toxicologically-acceptable preservative;
 - (f) optionally, toxicologically acceptable suds suppresser;
 - (g) the balance comprising an aqueous carrier selected from water and, optionally, containing a low level of low molecular weight, toxicologically-acceptable organic solvent.

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15. (Amended) The method of Claim 13 wherein said aqueous treatment composition comprises:

- (a) less than about 5% by weight and sufficient to maintain the viscosity of said solution to less than about 50 centipoise, of sodium or potassium lauryl sulfate;
- (b) toxicologically-acceptable basic buffer selected from the group consisting of water soluble potassium and/or sodium, hydroxides, ortho-phosphates, and/or carbonates, to provide a pH of from about 10.0 to about 12.5;
- (c) sufficient electrolyte to provide at least about 0.08 molarity of cations and
- (d) optionally, from about 0.001% to about 2% by weight said calcium ion sequestrant, which is selected from the group consisting of sodium and/or potassium tripolyphosphate, ethylenediaminetetraacetate, citrate, and mixtures thereof.

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20. (Amended) An aqueous dilute treatment composition comprising:

- (a) greater than about 0.015% by weight of sodium or potassium lauryl sulfate;
- (b) toxicologically-acceptable basic buffer selected from the group consisting of water soluble borates, hydroxides, ortho-phosphates, carbonates, and/or bicarbonates, to provide a pH of from about 8.5 to about 13;
- (c) sufficient electrolyte to provide at least about 0.04 molarity of cations;
- (d) optionally, from about 0.0005% to about 3% by weight of calcium ion chelant selected from the group consisting of sodium and/or potassium polyphosphate and/or organic polycarboxylate;
- (e) optionally, toxicologically-acceptable preservative;
- (f) optionally, toxicologically acceptable suds suppresser; and

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- (g) the balance comprising an aqueous carrier selected from water and, optionally, containing a low level of low molecular weight, toxicologically-acceptable organic solvent.

21. (Amended) The composition of Claim 20 which comprises:

- (a) less than about 5% by weight and sufficient to maintain the viscosity of said solution to less than about 50 centipoise of sodium or potassium lauryl sulfate;
 - (b) toxicologically-acceptable basic buffer selected from the group consisting of water soluble potassium and/or sodium, hydroxides, ortho-phosphates, and/or carbonates, to provide a pH of from about 10.0 to about 12.5;
 - (c) sufficient electrolyte to provide at least about 0.08 molarity of cations; and
 - (d) optionally, from about 0.001% to about 2% by weight said calcium ion sequestrant.
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